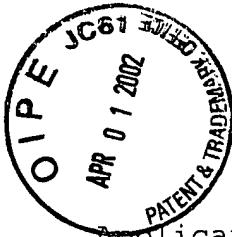


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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

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In response to the "Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) - Filing Date Granted," dated March 22, 2002, enclosed are applicants' substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 for the above-referenced application. A copy of the Notice is returned herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 02/28/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 12/31/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - Drawings must be in dark ink (not pencil), except where color drawings or photographs are permitted.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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